

Appl. No: 10/663,496
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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments add no new matter and are fully supported by the application as originally filed.

Amendment to the Specification

Please amend [0054] of the specification to read:

In a preferred embodiment of the invention, the handle 10 comprises the tool assembly disclosed in Co-pending Application No. _____ (Docket No. CLXP002/426.38) 10/602,478, entitled "Cleaning Tool with Gripping Assembly for a Disposable Scrubbing Head", filed _____ June 23, 2003.

Newly added

No new claims have been added.

Claim Objections

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner has rejected Claims 37,38,44,47-50 and 52 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter with the applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 37 and 44 have been amended to read "wherein the cleaning composition is dispersible in water." Claim 38 is dependent on amended Claim 37.

Claims 47-48 are cancelled.

Claims 49-50 and 52 have been amended to remove the word "scrim" and insert the word "sponge" to provide proper antecedent. Claim 50 has been amended to recite a property of the sponge, "stiffness in the range of approximately 10-60 lb/50 in²."

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Examiner has rejected Claim 46 and 47 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Johnson, Sr. (U.S. Patent No. 3,753,267).

Claim 47 has been cancelled.

Claim 46 has been amended according to the Examiner's suggestion to point out the particular connection between the engagement member and the handle. Claim 46 is no longer anticipated by Johnson, Sr.

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Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner has rejected Claims 48-50 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Johnson, Sr. (U.S. Patent 3,753,267). Claim 48 is cancelled.

Amended Claims 49-50 are dependent on Amended Claim 46, which has been distinguished from Johnson, Sr. as indicated above. Therefore, objection to Claims 49-50 is overcome.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 32-45, 51 and 52 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Johnson, Sr. (U.S. Patent 3,753,267) in view of Magyar (U.S. Patent 4,613,446).

Amended Claims 32, 39 and 46 have been amended according to the Examiner's suggestion to point out the particular connection between the engagement member and the handle. Johnson, Sr. and Magyar do not anticipate all the elements of Amended Claims 32, 39, and 46. Claims 33-38 are dependent on Amended Claim 32. Claims 40-45 are dependent on Amended Claim 39. Claims 51 and 52 are dependent on Amended Claim 46. Therefore, Johnson Sr. and Magyar do not anticipate Claims 32-45, 51 and 52.

CONCLUSIONS

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. If, however, some issue remains which the Examiner feels may be addressed by Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned for authorization.

Please charge any additional fees, including fees for additional extensions of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03 2270.

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